REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the allowable features of claim 6 have been incorporated in claim 1, claim 6 has been cancelled and the dependencies of claims 7 and 8 have been corrected.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability of claims 6-8. Accordingly, Applicants incorporate the features of claim 6 into claim 1.

The rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Stephenson et al.,

U. S. Patent No. 4,923,037 has been rendered moot by the incorporation of claim 6 into claim

1. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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